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\$12.6 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO AID FISH AND WILDLIFE PROJECTS IN STATES

A preliminary distribution of \$12,600,000 in Federal-aid funds will be made available to the States July 1, 1963, for fish and wildlife restoration projects, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today. The similar division a year ago was \$12,350,000.

The balance of the Federal-aid funds will be apportioned during the fall of 1963, but the Department did not indicate the possible total. For the past five years wildlife restoration funds have averaged \$14.8 million annually and fish restoration funds approximately \$5.3 million each year.

Of the \$12,600,000 just allocated, \$10,200,000 is for wildlife restoration and \$2,400,000 for fish projects.

Secretary Udall said that early distribution is being made again this year to help the States better program their Federal-aid activities.

"Early distribution is of special importance to those States operating on a revolving fund basis," the Department explained.

Under the Federal-aid programs for restoring fish and wildlife, States spend their own funds on approved projects and are then reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost. Many States have exhausted or soon will exhaust their Federal-aid funds for programming their projects for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Federal-aid funds come from an excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial lures. Distribution of the two funds is made on formulas based upon the number of paid license holders in a State and on the State area, as spelled out by law.

Laws establishing the Federal aid to fish and wildlife restoration programs also provide \$10,000 each for such projects on Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The total funds these territories are entitled to for the fiscal year 1964 is included in the preliminary apportionment made today. The Federal aid acts are administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The attached table shows the preliminary distribution of funds to each State July 1, 1963.

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PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT FOR FEDERAL AID IN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION FISCAL YEAR 1964

		FISH	WILDLIFE
	Alabama	\$ 41,612.44	\$191,322.72
	Alaska	118,500.00	508,500.00
	Arizona	45,480.74	230,150.11
	Arkansas	44,720.69	175,199.40
	California	118,500.00	476,509.42
*	Colorado	56,039.05	* 171,828.77
	Connecticut	23,700.00	50,850.00
	Delaware	23,700.00	50,850.00
	Florida	51,141.80	154,928.85
	Georgia	49,488.61	179,736.90
	Hawaii	23,700.00	50,850.00
	Idaho	38 , 863 . 00	196,474.12
	Illinois	62,097.59	253,922.34
	Indiana	59 , 708 . 83	268,519.90
	Iowa	42,809.36	198,611.45
	Kansas	40,611.61	206,301.72
	Kentucky	31,961.64	145,187.35
	Louisiana	28,910.49	165,611.68
	Maine	24,811.09	115,119.59
	Maryland	23,700.00	71,899.27
	Massachusetts	23,700.00	53,440.02
	Michigan	87 ,7 76 . 57	376,932.16
	Minnesota	108,557.80	301,140.22
	Mississippi	32,131.40	146,627.13
	Missouri	64,714.50	229,256.86
	Montana	56,218.31	312,203.96
	Nebraska	35,925.65	193,486.54
	Nevada	34,740.91	197,390.29
	New Hampshire	23,700.00	50,850.00
	New Jersey	23,700.00	79,438.03
	New Mexico	43,018.74	238,799.16
	New York	62,929.07	317,028.94
	North Carolina	36,435.13	218,255.32
	North Dakota	23,700.00	144,265.97
	Ohio	66,373.61	282,884.42
	Oklahoma	49,771.45	188,081.23
	Oregon	55,791.63	266,649.28
	Pennsylvania	52,350.81	411,814.61
	Rhode Island	23,700.00	50,850.00
	South Carolina	27,119.91 31,082.83	110,251.48 198,839.74
	South Dakota		
	Tennessee	54,410.81	217,719,25
	Texas Utah	118,500.00	508,500.00 201,048.48
	Vermont	34,859.52 23,700.00	52,217.30
	Virginia	33,079.55	187,948.63
	Washington	44,449.03	215,839.02
	West Virginia	23,700.00	111,272.55
	Wisconsin		-
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	Wyoming	35,787 80	200,094.87
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